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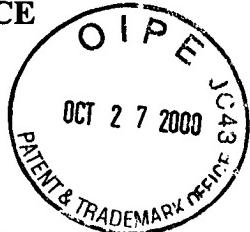
In re Applicant: Lannie L. Dietle
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Serial No: 09/320,222

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For: HIGH PRESSURE ROTARY
SHAFT SEALING MECHANISM

Examiner: Cottingham, J.



RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box: Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2000, applicants hereby amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicants hereby amend the claims as follows: